

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 9-10 remain in the application. Claims 9-10 are subject to examination. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-8 and 11 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102" on pages 2-5 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-10 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,752,403 to Schmoelz (hereinafter Schmoelz) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In view of the Examiner's statement on page 2 of the Office action that claim 11 is allowable, the features of claims 8, 10 and 11 have been combined into claim 10. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 10.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 10. Claim 10 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 10.

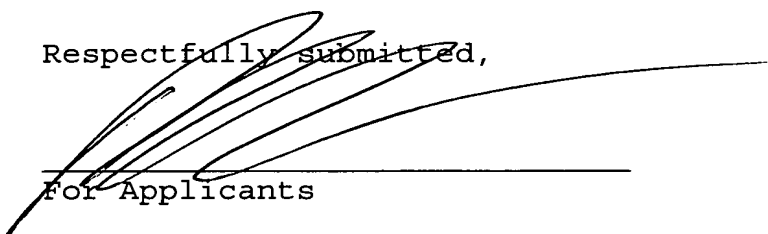
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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 9-10 are solicited.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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